

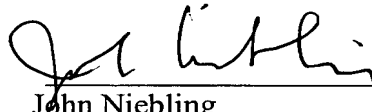
REMARKS

In the specification the microorganism FERM AP-20395 which appears in paragraph [0106] of the description has been transferred to the International Depositary Authority and the accession number has been changed from FERM AP-20395 to FERM BP-10326.

No new matter is believed to have been added. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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